

Landowner Action Fund

Groundwater Protection Projects

Septic System Repair and Upgrade Grant

Rationale:

To protect and improve groundwater and surface water from contamination by helping landowners with the cost of preventative measures and the repair or replacement of a faulty or malfunctioning septic system.

Project	Grant Rate	Maximum Grant
Septic System Repair or Upgrade	50%	\$4,000

Eligible Projects:

Preventative Projects

- The decommissioning of an old septic system that is no longer in use
- The installation of an effluent filter to extend the life of the leaching bed

Corrective Projects

- Repair to a septic system that has a proven or documented malfunction
- A replacement of a faulty septic system that meets the requirements set out in Part 8 of the *Ontario Building Code*

Conditions:

- The system must be within 30m of surface water, such as a lake, river, stream, ditch leading directly to surface water or a significant wetland, or the system poses a significant threat to municipal drinking water sources
- Corrective projects must provide supporting documentation as to why the existing system is failing, requires repairs or an upgrade. The documentation should identify the results of a *Phase I Maintenance Inspection* as described in the protocol developed by the Building and Development Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for **On-Site Sewage System Maintenance Inspections, March 2011**. Some exceptions may apply
- Documentation must be prepared by a registered septic system designer, installer, architect, professional engineer or municipal representative and a copy of the letter of justification for repair/replacement must be submitted with your application form
- The property must be located outside of rural settlement area boundaries



- There must be a minimal chance of a municipal sewer system hookup to the property, based on local knowledge or known capital plan
- All work must be carried out by a licensed contractor
- All relevant permits and/or approvals must be obtained by the applicant
- Upon project completion, an approved final inspection report from the municipality is required
- If you have an outstanding violation with CVC you will not be eligible for funding

Eligible Costs:

- Purchased project materials
- Costs associated with problem diagnosis or project design preparation (e.g. soil tests, excavation of leaching bed) are only eligible if repair/replacement occurs to address the problem and will only be reimbursed upon project completion and approval
- Construction costs incurred by a licensed septic system installer, including labour, materials and equipment associated with approved septic system repairs or replacements
- Materials and hired labour associated with the approved project
- Permit fees

Ineligible Costs:

- Septic system upgrades or decommissions to facilitate household expansions, including the addition of dishwashers, bathrooms or other devices that increase wastewater volume
- Septic systems being replaced as part of a property transaction (purchase or sale) are not eligible
- Installation of a septic system proposed as part of a building permit
- Ongoing costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the septic system are not covered
- Labour, machinery or equipment owned/used by the applicant, family dependents or the applicant's business
- Costs incurred from project activities completed more than six months before the confirmed submission of a completed *Landowner Action Fund* (LAF) application
- If it is deemed that septic system problems are due to homeowner negligence, misuse or inadequate maintenance then the project will not be eligible for funding

How to Apply:

1. Schedule a free Action Plan site visit
2. Create a *Landowner Action Plan* or EFP Action Plan
3. Choose a project that you would like to complete based on your Action Plan and site visit
4. Complete and submit a LAF application
5. Applicants will be advised within 60 days the outcome of their application

CVC's Countryside Stewardship team is here to help you throughout the application process.

To get started contact us!

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